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Sen. Mike Mansfield was debriefed on his recent trip to Indochina. The Director was present throughout a great part of the debriefing. Others present included the DD/L. [redacted]

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The Senator made an excellent presentation and was extremely helpful and well received. He informed me afterwards that he felt like an amateur amongst our professionals. Senator Mansfield had a private conversation with the DCI, and subsequently the Senator expressed to me his current thinking on a Joint Committee on Central Intelligence. He stated that he had assured the Rules Committee that in no wise did he desire to serve on such a Committee, but sincerely felt that the Committee was necessary as an assistance to CIA in prevent the wrong type of Congressional interference. He stated that he had considered as alternate possibilities having the 4 members of the Senate and House leadership form a special CIA subcommittee, and then had considered the possibility of a special subcommittee composed of probably 3 members each of the Senate and House Appropriations and Armed Services Committees; These members to be the ones that normally handled CIA affairs. Upon further consideration, Senator Mansfield stated that he felt this latter suggestion to be the proper one.

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